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water, wherein said municipal sewerage or waste water includes at least one compound which can be reduced to form [acid gas] hydrogen sulfide.--

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7-8. (Amended) A method of obtaining a minimal level of hydrogen sulfide and of ammonia in municipal waste water or sewerage, comprising the step of:

adding an effective amount of an agent that includes a compound selected from the group consisting of magnesium hydroxide and magnesium oxide to said municipal sewerage or waste water, wherein said municipal sewerage or waste water includes at least one compound which can be reduced to form [acid gas] hydrogen sulfide.--

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were pending in this application. According to the December 23, 1997 Office Action, claims 1-27 are finally rejected. Applicants have hereinabove canceled claims 2 and amended claims 1, 7 and 8. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-27 are pending in the subject application. Support for amendment to claims 1, 7 and 8 may be found, inter alia, on page 1, line 13 and page 3, line 3 of the subject specification.

Applicants take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the February 18, 1998 interview. Applicants appreciate the opportunity extended by the Examiner to clarify the outstanding issues in the subject application. Applicants believe that this Amendment along with the following remarks and the documents submitted herewith satisfactorily address the concerns of the Examiner.

#### Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the December 23, 1997 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,125,466 to Miyanohara et al.